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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper responds to the Office action mailed from the Patent Office on July 26, 2006. The shortened statutory period for reply expires on Monday, August 28, 2006, as August 26, 2006, falls on a Saturday. The Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper; however, in the event that any such fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

REMARKS

The Office action indicates that a restriction to one of the following claim groups is required: (I) claims 1–12, or (II) claims 13–21. Group I is drawn to a method of detecting binding, and Group II is drawn to a sensor.

The Office action also indicates that claim 1 is generic and that, if Group I is elected, one species from each of the following two Species Groups must also be elected: (I) a coating